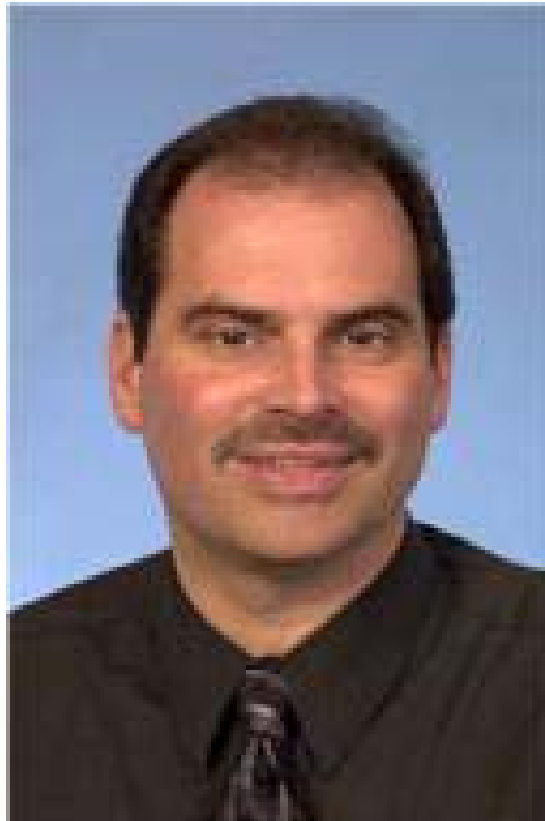


The Trenton Computer Festival is an Extraordinary Educational Value

The 33rd Annual Trenton Computer Festival (TCF) will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, 2008 at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, New Jersey. TCF has been providing a weekend of computer entertainment including shopping and essential free education (at no extra charge) in the form of seminars (50 minutes), workshops (110 minutes) and interactive demonstrations for 32 years. Two years ago, TCF was extended to include a Friday Information Technology (IT) Professional Conference with Saturday sessions open to regular TCF attendees. More than 65 seminars and workshops will be presented over the TCF weekend.

Michael Redlich is one of the many speaker/volunteers that make TCF's educational program possible and a great value. He has a B.S. in Computer Science from Rutgers University and is a Senior Research Technician for a petrochemical research organization in New Jersey. He is also the current President of the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey (ACGNJ). He has extensive experience in developing custom web and scientific laboratory applications. Mike's technical experience includes computer security, relational database design and development, object-oriented design and analysis, C/C++, Java, Visual Basic, FORTRAN, Pascal, MATLAB, HTML, XML, ASP, VBScript, and JavaScript in both the PC and UNIX environments and has co-authored articles with TCF speaker Barry Burd for the Java Boutique.



Michael Redlich, TCF Speaker Extraordinaire

Mike describes his TCF experience in his own words as follows – “This is my 11th TCF. I look forward to this event every year! It all started out with a request to ‘pinch-hit’ for a speaker who was originally scheduled to conduct an introductory C++ programming language seminar. I was a relatively new member of the ACGNJ, and with three weeks to go before TCF 1998, I decided to accept the challenge of putting together a seminar entitled, ***Introduction to C++***, in a short period of time. It was such a great experience for me to contribute to TCF in this way. Since then, I improved upon my original seminar and included a second seminar, ***C++ Advanced Features*** for TCF 1999. I would provide these seminars on both Saturday and Sunday. This changed for TCF 2001 when I added corresponding introductory and advanced Java programming language seminars. The C++ seminars were conducted on Saturday and the Java seminars were presented on Sunday. In the spirit of continuous improvement, I created a fifth seminar, ***Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming & Design Principles***, which essentially extracted the object-oriented programming sections of the C++ and Java seminars. This seminar debuted at TCF 2007 and will be back again this year.

“There is a focus on hands-on seminars at this year’s TCF. To that end, I decided to merge my ***Introduction to Java*** and ***Java Advanced Features*** seminars into a 110-minutes ***Hands-On Java*** workshop. So if you are interested in learning about the Java programming language, please bring your laptop. You will receive a CD that contains everything you need to build your first Java application and continue to improve upon it as you learn additional features of the language. I am indeed excited about this new seminar!”

Besides Mike’s multiple tutorial sessions at TCF, he is also speaking at the IT Professional Conference on Friday with a seminar entitled, ***Getting Groovy with Java***, an agile dynamic language for the Java platform. For information about all of the seminars and forums at this year’s TCF and TCF IT Professional Conference, please visit <http://www.tcf-nj.org/>.